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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

16. (new) A tool for facilitating implementation of a capsulotomy procedure for forming a capsulorhexis in a lens capsule of an eye, comprising:

a marking component, the marking component being comprised of a metal material;
the marking component being operable by a user to make a mark on the lens capsule, the mark being suitable for use as a guide in performing the capsulotomy procedure;
the marking component having an associated size which is adjustable by the user; and
a delivery mechanism for delivering the marking component to the eye lens capsule, wherein the delivery mechanism is sized and dimensioned for insertion into an anterior chamber of the eye.

17. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component has an associated shape which is adjustable by the user.

18. (new) The tool of claim 16:
wherein the marking component is operable to be configured by a user to a first shape and first size; and
wherein the marking component is operable to be configured by a user to a second shape and second size.

19. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is operable to be configured by a user to a first shape and first size corresponding to a shape and size of an intended capsulorhexis associated with the capsulotomy procedure.

20. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component includes a first portion suitable for physical contact with the lens capsule to thereby make the mark on the lens capsule, wherein the first portion of the marking component is substantially circular or substantially elliptical shape.

21. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component includes a first portion suitable for physical contact with the lens capsule to thereby make the mark on the lens capsule, wherein the first portion of the marking component is substantially circular shaped ring or a substantially elliptical shaped ring.

22. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component includes a first portion suitable for physical contact with the lens capsule to thereby make the mark on the lens capsule, wherein a shape of first portion of the marking component may be configured by the user to form a substantially circular shaped ring or a substantially elliptical shaped ring.

23. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is configurable by the user to make a substantially circular or substantially elliptical mark on the lens capsule.

24. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is configurable by the user to make a ringed mark on the lens capsule, wherein the ringed mark is substantially circular or substantially elliptical in shape.

25. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is configurable by the user to make at least a portion of a ringed mark on the lens capsule.

26. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is made from a shape-memory, metallic material.

27. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the mark has an associated size and shape corresponding to a shape and size of an intended capsulorhexis associated with the capsulotomy procedure.

28. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the size and dimension of the delivery mechanism is suitable for insertion of the delivery mechanism through a cataract incision made in a cornea of the eye.

29. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is comprised of a metal material.

30. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is comprised of a metal material selected from a group consisting of titanium and stainless steel.

31. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component includes a stain or dye material for mark the mark the lens capsule.

32. (new) The tool of claim 16:
wherein the delivery mechanism further comprises a marking component retraction/extension mechanism for enabling the marking component to be retracted and/or extended; and
wherein the retraction/extension mechanism is a screw-type mechanism.

33. (new) The tool of claim 16 further comprising a dye or stain component, applicable to the marking component, and usable to make the mark on the lens capsule.

34. (new) A tool for facilitating implementation of a capsulotomy procedure for forming a capsulorhexis in a lens capsule of an eye, comprising:
a marking component, the marking component being comprised of a metal material;
the marking component being operable by a user to make a mark on the lens capsule, the mark being suitable for use as a guide in performing the capsulotomy procedure;
the marking component having an associated size which is adjustable by the user;
a dye or stain component, applicable to the marking component, and usable to make the mark on the lens capsule; and
a delivery mechanism for delivering the marking component to the eye lens capsule, wherein the delivery mechanism is sized and dimensioned for insertion into an anterior chamber of the eye.

35. (new) The tool of claim 34:
wherein the marking component is operable to be configured by a user to a first shape and first size; and
wherein the marking component is operable to be configured by a user to a second shape and second size.

36. (new) The tool of claim 34 wherein the marking component includes a first portion suitable for physical contact with the lens capsule to thereby make the mark on the lens capsule, wherein a shape of first portion of the marking component may be configured by the user to form a substantially circular shaped ring or a substantially elliptical shaped ring.

37. (new) The tool of claim 16 wherein the marking component is configurable by the user to make a ringed mark on the lens capsule, wherein the ringed mark is substantially circular or substantially elliptical in shape.